



PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS FOR SURF PINES RESIDENTS



~~ January 2019 ~~

Susan Holloway

Winter has arrived and with it winds, downed trees and branches, and lots of rain. But also good books and games by the fire place, stews and soups on the stove, and bundled walks on the beach admiring Mother Nature as she rearranges the beach. There may still be issues that confound and make us anxious about our Association, but we are so lucky to have Surf Pines as our home. I look forward to the winter in Surf Pines.

Thank you to some of the people who have contributed to your Association this fall:

Austin Kauffman and Peter Durant, the two new Board Members elected in August, quickly began contributing to your Association. Austin agreed to begin an update of the web site, making it more complete as well as easier to navigate. Peter began a thorough analysis of our spending patterns for the last five years as well joining the Reserve Committee for their work in analyzing the future financial needs of the Association.

John Yerke and Don Kruger continued to rework the CC&Rs drafts reflective of your desires and concerns. The current draft is now available on the web site and will continue to be improved as we look to host you at the discussion meeting on January 25th. And two residents stepped up to help with the drafting of the CC&Rs and Bylaws. **Shannon Berlant and Tom Smith** each spent hours reaching out to other residents to gain feedback on these documents in hopes of making them relevant and responsive to Association residents. We will continue to incorporate resident thoughts into the documents.

The **Community Relations Committee** hosted the Oktoberfest with great food and frivolity. **Katie Weber and Bonnie Rogie** greeted new residents to Surf Pines. **Kate Besse** continued her work to improve Path 5 as well as spearheading the SOLVE cleanup of the beach. If you have sand burrs, ask Kate to show you the amazing claw instrument she uses to dig them up. I can attest to the improvement over shovel digging. At last inspection, I had actually temporarily gotten them under control in my yard. Spring will undoubtedly give me more reason to use the trusty claw! **Ken and Shawna Weist** have remained hard at work on the gates, pumps, roadways, park and Right of Ways, as well as keeping Surf Pines secure. The gates have given Ken nothing but headaches, working night and day, rain and shine, in order to solve a myriad of problems. Last I checked, he felt that he had found solutions. Ken also completed another level of professional development to meet state standards. And I hope you noticed the cleaned siding on the Gate and Security Houses.

Reserve Study: Tom Smith and his robust committee, aided by the Excel skills of Anne Keller, continued their work on the Reserve Study. This work is being done to meet state regulations. This Committee includes Debra Hall, Gheri Fouts, Peter Durant, Clarke Powers, Don Kruger and Debbie Eddy. We will keep you informed as Tom and the Committee make progress. Their findings will impact the budget each year.

Transformation of the Meeting House: A gift from Tom Smith will help transform the Meeting House into an "Activity Center." Tom and Ken are installing a large TV screen with accompanying electronics and wifi. Soon classes and activity groups can use the Meeting House for fun gatherings and exercise. Watch your email and reader boards for news. Do plan to participate.

Hey There **Frustrated Gardeners!!** The elk loved your hydrangeas? Deer devoured your hosta?

Have we got the right deal for you. Mark your calendars for Saturday February 23rd 2019 from 1 – 3 P.M. We are having several of our local Master Gardeners explain and show us what kind of plantings work best for our micro climate / soil types specific to our Surf Pines area. Kate Besse has generously offered her home and garden for this presentation. We'd like you to bring your experiences, questions and funny trials and errors to share with everyone. Lord knows we need all the help we can get in our gardens.

Kate located at 89898 Ocean Dr. (Red Mailbox).

Refreshments will be served, See you in the Spring!!

AN EVENING TO DISCUSS THE CC&RS AND BY LAWS

The legal documents known as CC&Rs and By Laws are difficult to read and understand. The Surf Pines Association Board chose to proceed with this process in order to comply with state law for Home Owner Associations. There is a current draft on the web site. And please note the word draft because these are not finalized documents and instead await your further input before they are ready for a vote. We will continue to modify.

Please read them carefully and know that rather than restricting your individual rights, they are intended to strengthen the Association. In no way are the documents intended to be a "power grab" by the Board. The intention is to strengthen the professional workings of our Association with a Reserve Study, Professional Development for Ken Weist and complying with state law with the CC&Rs. Let me know your thoughts and concerns so that we are prepared for the discussion on the 25th.

Resident discussion of CC&Rs and Bylaws

Friday Night January 25, 2019

Astoria Golf Club

7:00 to 8:30

Refreshments served